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A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying the definition of gold star parents.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 35D.1, subsection 1, Code 2014, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The Iowa veterans home, located in Marshalltown, shall
4 be maintained as a long-term health care facility providing
5 nursing and residential levels of care for honorably discharged
6 veterans and their dependent spouses, surviving spouses
7 of honorably discharged veterans, and gold star parents.
8 Eligibility requirements for admission to the Iowa veterans
9 home shall coincide with the eligibility requirements for
10 care and treatment in a United States department of veterans
11 affairs facility pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 1710, and regulations
12 promulgated under that section, as amended. For the purposes
13 of this subsection, "*gold star parent*" means a parent of a
14 deceased member of the United States armed forces who died
15 while ~~serving on active~~ performing military duty ~~during a time~~
16 ~~of military conflict~~, as defined in section 29A.1, subsection
17 3, 8, or 12, or who died as a result of such service.

18 Sec. 2. Section 321.34, subsection 24, Code 2014, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 24. *Gold star plates.* An owner referred to in subsection
21 12 who is the surviving spouse, parent, child, or sibling
22 of a deceased member of the United States armed forces who
23 died while ~~serving on active~~ performing military duty ~~during~~
24 ~~a time of military conflict~~, as defined in section 29A.1,
25 subsection 3, 8, or 12, or who died as a result of such service
26 may order special registration plates bearing a gold star
27 emblem upon written application to the department accompanied
28 by satisfactory supporting documentation as determined by
29 the department. The gold star emblem shall be designed
30 by the department in cooperation with the commission of
31 veterans affairs. The special plate fees collected by the
32 director under subsection 12, paragraphs "a" and "c", from the
33 issuance and annual validation of letter-number designated and
34 personalized gold star plates shall be paid monthly to the
35 treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The

1 treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from the statutory
2 allocations fund created under section 321.145, subsection 2,
3 to the veterans license fee fund created in section 35A.11
4 the amount of the special fees collected under subsection 12,
5 paragraph "a", in the previous month for gold star plates.

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 This bill relates to the definition of gold star parents
10 of members of United States armed forces for the purposes of
11 admission to the Iowa veterans home and for the issuance of
12 gold star vehicle registration plates.

13 Under current law, gold star parents are the parents of
14 members of the United States armed forces who died while
15 on active duty during a time of military conflict or as a
16 result of such service. The bill modifies the definition to
17 also include the parents of members of United States armed
18 forces who died while serving on federal active duty, state
19 active duty, or on national guard duty, or as a result of such
20 service.